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Dear Friend:

Thank you again to the hundreds of you who came out to my Town Hall Meeting series last week. I really enjoyed the dialogue, and I hope that it was as helpful to you as it was for me. For those of you who missed these Town Hall Meetings, you can be certain that I will hold more soon. For those of you who would like a brief recap, the consensus was clear: Seventh District constituents are concerned with the spiraling cost of gas, fixing our nation's crushing debt burden, and getting government regulation off the backs of American citizens and businesses.

I am extremely fortunate to represent a community of Americans who are truly concerned about the future of our Republic. The current path down which our federal government is traveling is destroying American jobs and threatening America's economic security. In the Seventh District, we don't value partisan bickering, but we do value results. I am very proud of the record of accomplishment that the U.S. House has amassed in my 14 months here, but unless the Senate is willing to work with us and pass these measures along to the President's desk, they will never become law...and that is a great frustration for me, as I know it is for you.

When I wasn't holding Town Hall Meetings last week or visiting with constituent groups one-on-one, I was in the community listening and learning. You can visit my [Facebook Page](#) to view photos and get a glimpse of where I spent my time.

Turning to this week, gas prices across the country are surging past the \$4.00 mark as a result of rising oil prices—due in large part to the unrest in the Middle East. We have two choices: we can continue depending on Middle East oil producers to dictate the price of oil, or we can do what we should have been doing all along—start expanding America's domestic energy production. At current prices, we send over \$1 billion to countries like Saudi Arabia and Venezuela every day. But, we can begin to contain and circulate that funding stream within our borders if we can just move forward on legislation that will put this economy back on track by fostering American energy independence—something that will not only create jobs on our shores but will drive down gas prices.

Fortunately, House Republicans have been working hard to pass bill after bill to put us on a path to energy independence and create American jobs. We've done a lot of good work, but now we need the President and Senate to do theirs. House Republicans have put forth a [Plan for America's Job Creators](#), and we have passed more than two dozen bills that will peel back excessive government regulation. Included in that plan are the following energy independence initiatives:

- [HR 3408](#), the PIONEERS Act (Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security Act), will set clear rules for the development of U.S. oil shale resources and promote shale technology research and development.
- [H.R. 2021](#) will eliminate needless permitting delays that have stalled important energy production opportunities off the coast of Alaska.
- [H.R. 1229](#) will end the President's Administration's de facto moratorium in a safe, responsible, transparent manner – putting thousands of Americans back to work and increasing American energy production to help address rising gasoline prices.
- [H.R. 1231](#) will lift the President's ban on new offshore drilling by requiring the Administration to move forward on American energy production in areas containing the most oil and natural gas resources.

ALL of these bills have passed the House of Representatives and await consideration in the Senate. It's time to act on these bills, it's time for this Congress and this President to cooperate and help wean our economy off Middle East oil—which is a national security threat—so that we may live freely and independently from the chaos of the Middle East oil market and put this nation back on a path to prosperity. I believe we can choose the right path. It's time to get to work!

Thank you for all that you do. I remain committed to fighting for freedom and prosperity on your behalf.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress



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